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AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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A one-month extension of time for response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment from January 16, 2004 to February 16, 2004 is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$55.00, which covers the fee for the one-month extension of time and is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-5113.

Applicants apologize for the error in formatting the Amendment of November 19, 2003. The present amendment presents the same content as our Amendment of November 19, 2003 but the amendment format is hereby corrected.

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new matter, as it is the case in US Patent No. 5,989,549. Hence, no new matter has been added in the currently amended claim 3.

In order to comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, claim 3 has been amended by deleting the expression "in association with" and replaced by the word "and".

It is submitted, therefore, that the claim is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Allowance of claim 3 at an early date is solicited.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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